

SICA'S ASSASSIN MAY HAVE USED WOMAN AS DECOY

Believed He Was on Way to
Meet Her When Shot
and Killed.

ONE MAN ARRESTED.

Had Possession of the Dead
Man's Diamonds—Young
Girl Says She's His Widow.

Back of the mysterious assassination of Saverio Sica, a "boss" in Harlem's Little Italy and head of the Sam Sica Association, the police say it is a story teeming with the love, hatred and revenge of the Italian underworld in which the dead man's secret marriage to an eighteen-year-old girl, his love for a strange woman he met only last week and threats against him by persons whom he knew and feared, all figure.

So far one arrest has been made, but more are to follow. Charles Pandolfi, known as "Scar-Faced Charley," was captured last night by Detectives Higgins, Norton and Doran near the scene of the attack. One Hundred and Fifth street and Second avenue. In his pockets were a diamond pin, watch and chain, diamond stud and diamond cuff buttons which Sica wore when he was killed. The man stated he took them from Sica's body for safekeeping. He was held.

Sica was twenty-four years old. He lived above his barber shop at No. 251 Second avenue with his three sisters when he was at home. He was prominent in politics of the district.

Last evening he dressed himself in his best clothes, wearing all of his diamonds, which were worth more than \$1,500. He told his sisters that he was going to make a call.

Shot From Behind.

Turning into One Hundred and Fifth street a stranger approached him and made a remark which Sica resented. They clinched. As they struggled, the police learned another man not known in the district, drew near from the rear and pulled a revolver against Sica's back.

Sica fell to the street with a bullet through his lungs. He was carried to Harry Mannarino's drug store, two blocks away, and died in half an hour. While his body was stretched out in the place a pretty young woman, wearing short skirt, put on and a large hat, crowded through the throng and looked at the body. She staggered and fell into the arms of a policeman.

"That's him—that's my husband Sam," she said, when brought to her senses. "I knew they would kill him. My name? Yes, it's Breda? Murphy. I am his wife. I was with him when he was married by some kind of a ceremony. We lived at No. 165 East One Hundred and Sixteenth street. He was a very handsome man, grish in actions and appearance, was placed in the hands of my mother. I have not given any more information, however. Sica's three sisters did not know he was married. The police say the girl's parents live in Long Island and have lived an investigation there.

Sica's brother, Francesco, was given twenty years in the Harlem Casino for the murder of the Becker brothers on the East Side. Since he had been receiving numerous threatening letters.

A Mysterious Woman.

Last Thursday the Sam Sica Association gave a ball at the Harlem Casino. Sica was introduced to a young woman not an Italian, who seemed to be deeply enamored of him. The police learned, and during the evening was much in her company. He then escorted her home. It is believed that Sica had an engagement with this strange woman when he met death.

In his pocket was found a letter in which the writer stated he would "take the girl from the man who was with him, and then finish the job." Sica's friends say he usually carried a gun to protect himself against an enemy. The section in which Sica was attacked is known as the Sicilian quarter. The police believe that there are two classes of men in the district, feelings and habits, and the most mysterious criminal. The police are looking for hidden owing to their self-proclaimed methods of dealing with offenders.

The police believe that a strange woman was the decoy for Sica's assassins, and are searching the district for her. Her death is believed to be a part of the plot. The police are looking for persons who know to discuss the case.

USES PULLETS AND POISON TO END LIFE

David Fine, a real estate broker, of No. 291 Seventh avenue, is lying in the Harlem Hospital from the effects of two self-inflicted bullet wounds in the mouth and from swallowing a dose of mercury bichloride in an attempt to end ten years of intense suffering with sciatic rheumatism.

Fine took the poison and shot himself at his home yesterday afternoon. How he has survived both agencies, either of which is sufficient to kill the ordinary man, has puzzled the physicians of the Harlem Hospital.

Fine is thirty-four years old and was in business at No. 1706 Madison street. He lived in an elaborately furnished home on Seventh avenue with his wife Elizabeth and seven-year-old Anna, their only child.

Ever since his marriage ten years ago, Fine has been afflicted with sciatic rheumatism and none of the many doctors and specialists called in have ever been successful in effecting a cure. On Saturday Fine's physician told him that he would never again be a well man.

He was very dependent yesterday morning over the doctor's decision and all efforts on the part of his wife to cheer him failed. "The pain is driving me mad," he remarked to Mrs. Fine during the afternoon as he went to his room, and shortly afterward shots were heard and he was found unconscious.

BOSS OF HARLEM'S LITTLE ITALY WHO WAS MURDERED



SAM SICA

ENGINE BOILER EXPLODES; ONE DEAD, THREE HURT

Erie Fireman Blown to Pieces;
Engineer Hurl'd Thirty
Feet Away.

One man was killed and three were seriously injured in the explosion of the boiler of a locomotive on the Erie Railroad in the freight yards near Rutherford, N. J., to-day. The injured are in St. Joseph's Hospital, Paterson.

Engine No. 86, eastbound, was drawing a heavy freight train. George Warder was the engineer and Otto Wagner the fireman. All the way down across Northern New Jersey Warder's engine had been behaving badly. There was something the matter with the engine, and he had difficulty in regulating the steam.

At what is known as the New Jersey and New York Junction, midway between Rutherford and the Hackensack River, Warder stopped his locomotive and climbed down to look after the water connections between the boiler and the tender. He left his fireman in the cab to look out for the steam pressure.

An examination of the wreckage has disclosed that at the time Warder stopped his engine the crown sheet of the boiler was exposed. It is supposed that he made some repairs and allowed a sudden rush of cold water to cover the crown sheet. At any rate, a terrific explosion that was heard for miles.

Warder was blown thirty feet from the engine and clear out of the Erie right of way. Wagner was practically blown to pieces in the cab.

Close to No. 86 was engine No. 109, Charles Albers engineer and Edward Ensmenger fireman. A piece of the blown up boiler sailed through the cab of No. 109 and struck both men.

The damage done by the explosion was extensive. The track was torn up, wreckage was scattered for an area of a square block and the traffic tieup lasted until long after the morning suburban rush.

The Erie officials have already begun a rigid investigation into the accident.

NEW ORLEANS ENTRIES.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 12.—The entries for to-morrow's races are as follows:

FIRST RACE. Three furlongs, purse \$100.
229 Sea Swell 107
240 Dick Cullen 108
241 Mike O'Brien 109
242 Clabber 110
243 Intermine 111
244 Douglas 112
245 Tony W. 113
246 Servance 114
247 George Guston 115
248 Contract 116
249 Petros 117
250 Tom Holland 118
251 The Howell 119
252 Tony 120

SIXTH RACE. Five and a half furlongs, purse \$100.
240 Pando 119
241 Elizabeth 120
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